

AMENDMENT IN THE SPECIFICATION

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1. Please amend the title as follows:

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**A TRANSPARENT, ELASTIC AND FREE-STANDING COMPOUND
COMPOSITION, SUCH AS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF CANDLES,
AND THE FREE-STANDING CANDLE OBTAINED WITH THE
COMPOUND COMPOSITION**

2. Please amend four paragraphs bridging pages 5 through 7, from line 16 on page 5 through line 13 on page 7, as follows:

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It is an object, among other objects, of the present invention, to provide a transparent, elastic and free standing compound for the manufacture of free standing candles, formed with a mixture of a hydrocarbon oil in a relation of about 75 to about 88 in weight percent, typically 73 to 88 weight percent and desirably 83.8 weight percent, and at least one copolymer selected from the group of triblock polymers and diblock polymers in a proportion from about 12 to about 25 in weight percent, typically 12 to 27 weight percent and desirably 16.2 weight percent where the hydrocarbon oil has a viscosity of at least 180 ~~SUS~~@ SUS at 37°C (100°F) and, when the viscosity is in ~~EST~~@ cSt, the viscosity of the hydrocarbon oil being greater than 32 ~~EST~~@ cSt at 40°C (104°F), and the hydrocarbon oil having flash point greater than 220°C (425°F).

In a preferred embodiment of the compound of the present invention, the hydrocarbon oil has a viscosity of 340 ~~SUS~~@ SUS at 37°C (100°F) and when the viscosity is in ~~EST~~@ cSt, the

az hydrocarbon oil has a viscosity greater than or equal to 67.8 ~~EST@~~ cSt at 40°C (104°F), the hydrocarbon oil has a flash point at 240°C (464°F), and the selected copolymers are three-block polymers "Kraton ® G 1652".

Likewise, it is also the object, among other objects, of the present invention, to provide a free standing candle, manufactured with the mixture of: a hydrocarbon oil in a relation of about 75 to about 88 in weight percent, typically 73 to 88 weight percent ~~polymers~~ and desirably 83.8 weight percent, and at least one copolymer selected from the group of triblock and diblock polymers in a proportion of about 12 to about 25 in weight percent, typically 12 to 27 weight percent and desirably 16.2 weight percent; where the hydrocarbon oil has a viscosity of at least 180 ~~SUS@~~ SUS at 37°C (100°F) and when the viscosity is in ~~EST@~~ cSt, the viscosity of the hydrocarbon oil is greater than 32 at 40°C (104°F), and the flash point of the hydrocarbon oil being greater than 220°C (425°F), the candle maintaining a free standing condition when is lit by means of a flame produced as consequence of the combustion of a wick, the wick crossing the body of the candle and projecting toward outside one of its ends. Preferably, the candlewick is a cotton string, imbibed in an alcoholic solution of vegetal resin, such as pine resin. In the present invention due to the elasticity of the candle's compound, the candlewick is firmly retained in a passing hole produced when the compound of the present invention is cold, the candlewick crossing the body of the candle in longitudinal correspondence to an axis of symmetry extending from an inferior or lower base of the candle.

Due to the above described special characteristics of the compound of the present invention, a free standing candle can be built by the union of a plurality of different format minor portions,

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wherein the minor portions are and individually made with a mixture of a hydrocarbon oil in a relation of about 75 to about 88 in weight percent, typically 73 to 88 weight percent desirably 83.8 weight percent, and at least one copolymer selected from the group of triblock polymers and diblock polymers in a proportion from about 12 to about 25 in weight percent, typically 12 to 27 weight percent and desirably 16.2 weight percent, where the hydrocarbon oil has a viscosity of at least 180 SUS@ SUS at 37°C (100°F) and, when viscosity is in cSt@cSt, the viscosity of the hydrocarbon being greater than 32 cSt@cSt at 40°C (104°F), and the flash point of the hydrocarbon oil being greater than 220°C (425°F).

3. Please amend the table 1 on page 12 as follows:

TABLE 1

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Specification	Value	Method
VISCOSITY SUS@ 37.8°C (100°F)	345	ASTMD 88
VISCOSITY cSt@cSt@ 40°C (104°F)	32 (67.8)	ASTM D 445
DENSITY @ 20°C (68°F)	0.88	ASTM D 1298
FLASH POINT	240° C (464°F)	ASTM D 97
TURBIDITY POINT	-5° C (23° F)	ASTM D 2500
COLOR AL PT-CO (EX ALPHA)	10	ASTM D 1209
ASTM= American Society for Testing and Material (site:www.astm.org)		
METHOD= Method of analysis		
SUS@ SUS and cSt@cSt (centistokes) are measure units of each essay		

4. Please amend the paragraph line 2 through line 5 on Page 13 as follows:

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Two of these values for the hydrocarbon oil of TABLE 1 are very important when

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choosing the hydrocarbon oil, such as the white oil ("Vaseline"), which are: the flash point desirably should not be inferior to or less than 200°C (392 °F) and the viscosity desirably should not be inferior to or less than 32 cSt@ cSt, desirably at least 67.8 cSt@ cSt.
